

# LANNCU33 - SQA Unit Code F8JP 04

## Provide feed and water to animals



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### Overview

This standard is about preparing and providing feed and water to animals.

The elements are:

1. Prepare feed for animals
2. Provide feed and water to animals

Element 1 covers the preparation of feed for animals. The preparation of feed may include considering 'special requirements' such as feeds which are prohibited for a particular animal (e.g. if the animal is diabetic), and any special supplements that have been specified in the animal's diet/meal plan.

Element 2 covers providing feed and water to animals. You will select the correct feed and supply clean, fresh water according to requirements.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this work.

### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

#### **Prepare feed for animals**

- P1 carry out any necessary work to receive and store **animal feed** according to instructions
- P2 wash your hands effectively before and after handling **animal feed**
- P3 obtain the correct **equipment** and materials needed to prepare and serve **animal feed**
- P4 clean work surfaces, utensils and **equipment** thoroughly, before and after use
- P5 identify the type and quantity of **animal feed** required for each animal from feeding plans
- P6 prepare the correct amount of **animal feed** according to manufacturers' recommendations in a way that minimises wastage
- P7 use the appropriate utensils in a hygienic way consistent with organisational and legal requirements
- P8 use working methods and practices throughout the process that promote health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice
- P9 dispose of any unwanted **animal feed** correctly and put **equipment** and utensils away safely

*You must be able to:*

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- P10 select the correct feed according to the animals' **specified diet**
- P11 prepare and store feed correctly in hygienic conditions
- P12 present feed in the specified manner to give each animal the opportunity to obtain its food requirement
- P13 supply clean, fresh water to the animals by the specified system and according to their needs
- P14 report immediately to an appropriate person any abnormalities in the feeding and drinking habits of the animals
- P15 clean, maintain and store equipment so that it is fit for use
- P16 take appropriate action when difficulties are encountered during feeding
- P17 maintain the health and well-being of the animal(s) throughout
- P18 keep the required records of feeding accurate and complete
- P19 use working methods and systems which promote health and safety and which are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice
- P20 manage waste safely from feeding in ways which do not damage the environment and are consistent with relevant legislation

### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Prepare feed for animals**

- K1 any relevant procedures for receiving and storing feed in your organisation
- K2 the importance of hygiene (including hand washing), health and safety in preparing and serving animal feed and the processes and procedures for maintaining them
- K3 the different types of feed that are available and how they are prepared
- K4 the particular precautions that should be taken to prepare frozen feed (i.e. thorough defrosting)
- K5 the equipment and utensils that are used in preparing and serving animal feed, what they are used for and how to use them safely
- K6 the specific needs which animals have for feed, and any special requirements (e.g. supplements)
- K7 relevant legislation and codes of practice regarding the preparation of feed
- K8 how and where to dispose of waste

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- K9 why animals should receive their feed via the specified method
- K10 identification of feed and feed quality
- K11 the importance of providing fresh water to animals
- K12 normal feeding behaviour of animals and signs of abnormalities
- K13 methods of cleaning and maintaining feeding equipment in a fit and hygienic state for use
- K14 correct storage and use of equipment and feedstuffs
- K15 the limits of your own abilities and responsibilities regarding difficulties which may arise
- K16 organisation health and safety policy and own responsibility under health and safety legislation
- K17 risks to animals, self and others and how these can be minimised
- K18 the records which you have to complete concerning the provision of feed and water
- K19 the different types of waste and how they should be managed

## **Additional Information**

### **Scope/range related to performance criteria**

#### **Prepare feed for animals**

1. **animal feed:**
  - 1.1. fresh
  - 1.2. frozen
  - 1.3. dried
  - 1.4. tinned
2. **equipment:**
  - 2.1. equipment for preparing food
  - 2.2. protective equipment

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3. **specified diet:**
  - 3.1. type
  - 3.2. quantity
  - 3.3. quality

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